

MINUTES

MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Meetings via Zoom – link on webpage, MEDWP.COM → Professionals → Well Drillers Commission

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members:

Dwight Doughty, (Chair)
Hydrogeologist, DOT
Daniel Locke
Hydrogeologist, MGS
William Dawson
Chief Engineer, DWP

Mike Otley
Public Member
Frank Hegarty
Master Well Driller

Joe Gallant
Master Well Driller
Glenn Dyer
Master Well Driller

Guests:

Lauren LaRochelle
State of Maine, AAG
Meaghan Knowlton
Western Maine Water

David Anthony
Complainant
Scott Temple
Complainant

Adam York
Complainant

Minutes Prepared By:

Tina Lemieux, Commission Clerk, DWP

PROCEEDINGS: 9:02 AM

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes from March 10, 2021

❖ MOTION: Glenn Dyer 2nd: Mike Otley VOTE: Unanimous

Exam Applications:

1. GILLIAM_WD02212_rcvd 3-24-21 – Journeyman WD – APPROVED

Motion to Approve.

❖ MOTION: Frank Hegarty 2nd: Joseph Gallant VOTE: unanimous

Specialty Well Applications – Commission Review:

NONE

Specialty Well Applications – In-House Approval:

1. FISKE-GOODWIN - SWA
2. SHEA-HILLOCK - SWA

Other Business:

1. Exams: **Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 10am** at Key Bank Building, downtown Augusta
 - a. Eligible candidates have been notified by email

2. Revocation – MWWC Revocation of License for Anthony O’Connor
 - a. 3-2-21 – 1st draft of revocation letter, commission review
 - b. 4-14-21 – AAG will revise revocation letter to be sent. (Lauren LaRochelle, AAG)

3. Ronald Pendleton, Inc - (Shawn Boulet – SWA)
 - a. Wants Commission review of matter, possible complaint
 - b. 4-14-21 – Bill Dawson, after the fact well and septic system issue
 - i. well is 25’ from septic system
 - ii. existing well was there prior to septic system
 - iii. 2015, waste water system was approved (Roger Crouse)

*Tabled for more information, follow up with William Dawson, DWP and Amy Lachance

4. Meaghan Knowlton, Western Maine Water Inc - (Leigh Barnard)
 - a. Wants to MWWC to relicense (reciprocity) without having to take exam again.
 - b. Mr. Barnard’s license expired in 2010, (WD-M, PI-A)
 - c. Has been drilling for company in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, no license or paperwork.

Motion to allow Leigh Barnard to take exam after receiving application and fee.

❖ **MOTION**: Mike Otley **2nd**: Glenn Dyer **VOTE**: Unanimous

COMPLAINTS:

ANTHONY-TEMPLE – complaint, rcvd 2-12-21 – DENIED

- a. 2-19-21 – Notice of Complaint, sent
- b. 4-14-21 – complainant claims well was sealed without approval and sites rules and regulations for ethics violations.
- c. 4-14-21 – Reviewed by Commission, complaint denied.

Motion to deny complaint due to insufficient evidence of violation. Well was abandoned in accordance with the Maine Water Well Commission rules and regulations.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Glenn Dyer **VOTE**: Unanimous

COMPLAINTS:**ROCK LIBBY & L&L WELL DRILLING:**

Motion of consent for a stay on all discussions about Rock Libby or L&L Well Drilling for 60 days.

❖ **MOTION**: Thomas Brennan **2nd**: Joe Gallant **VOTE**: Unanimous

Motion to indefinitely revoke Anthony O'Connor's Apprentice – WD, PI license.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Glenn Dyer **VOTE**: Unanimous

ANTHONY O'CONNOR:**1. LOCKE-OCONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (RTE 108), complaint, rcvd 12-9-20 - open**

- a. 12-17-20 – Notice of complaint sent
- b. 1-27-21 – 3rd Notice of Complaint sent

2. LOCKE-OCONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 5-4-20 - open

- a. 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O'Connor
 - o 1st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
- b. 12-9-20 – MWWC accepted complaint against AJ O'Connor
- c. 12-30-20 – 2nd Notice of Complaint, to be sent to AJ O'Connor
- d. 1-27-21 – 3rd Notice of Complaint sent

3. DYER-OCONNOR (APPRENTICE) – (654 S), complaint, received 6-23-20 - open

- a. 11-20-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to AJ O'Connor
 - o 1st Notice of Complaint, sent same time as L&L WD
 - b. 12-9-20 – MWWC accepted complaint against AJ O'Connor
 - c. 12-30-20 – 2nd Notice of Complaint, to be sent to AJ O'Connor
 - d. 1-27-21 – 3rd Notice of Complaint sent
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DENSMORE & L&L WELL DRILLING:**1. DENSMORE-L&L – complaint, received 6-3-20 - open**

- b. 6-4-20 – Notice of Complaint, sent to Rock Libby of L&L Well Drilling
 - c. 6-10-20 – Reviewed and discussed complaint.
 - d. 10-14-20 – Discussed and assigned violations and penalties
 - e. 12-3-20 – Notice of Violation/Penalty, sent L&L Well Drilling/Rock Libby
 - f. 1-13-21 - Moving forward for small claims court
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Future Meetings:

Motion to meet for Public Session for next week on Thursday April 22, 2021 at 9 am.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Mike Otley **VOTE**: Unanimous

Motion to meet for Executive Session scheduled for next meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 9:00 am.

❖ **MOTION**: William Dawson **2nd**: Glenn Dyer **VOTE**: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn.

❖ **MOTION**: Frank Hegarty **2nd**: Mike Otley **VOTE**: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

TIME: **10:46 AM**